

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claim 10 is amended above. New claims 20-29 are added above. No new matter is added by the amendment or new claims. Entry is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary does not indicate whether the drawings filed in the application are acceptable. Confirmation of their acceptability is respectfully requested.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to for informalities stated in the Office Action. The abstract is amended above in a manner consistent with suggestions provided in the Office Action. Entry of the amended abstract and removal of the objections are respectfully requested.


Claims 1-19 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 and 16 of the copending parent application (U.S. Serial No. 10/465,062). In response to the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith which disclaims the term of any patent granted on the present application that would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on the copending parent application. Entry of the terminal disclaimer and removal of the rejections of claims 1-19 under obviousness-type double patenting are therefore respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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